

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims, if accepted, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for facilitating customs planning and clearance, the method comprising the steps of:

creating in an international customs server, in response to a signal communicated through a client device coupled for data communications through at least one internet connection to the international customs server, a master customs planning record, wherein the master customs planning record comprises:

a master identification field in which is stored a master identity code for the master customs planning record, and

a duty total field in which is stored the total amount of duty to be paid on goods identified in related customs planning records;

creating in an international customs server a related customs planning record, wherein the related customs planning record is related through a foreign key field to the master customs planning record, wherein the related customs planning record comprises:

the foreign key field in which is stored the master identity code of the master customs planning record;

one or more description fields describing the goods for import to a destination country, the destination country having an identity;

a duty amount field in which is stored an amount of duty to be paid on the goods;
and

the identity of the destination country;

calculating duty on the goods described in the related customs planning record;

storing the amount of the calculated duty in the duty amount field in the related customs planning record; and

incrementing, by the amount of the calculated duty stored in the duty amount field in the related customs planning record, the total amount of duty stored in the duty total field in the master customs planning record.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more fields describing goods for import in the related customs planning records comprise:

a text description field in which is stored a textual description of the goods for import;

a category field in which is stored a code identifying the category of the goods for import; and

a quantity field in which is stored the quantity of goods for import.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein each related customs planning record represents a prospective importation into a destination country of a quantity of goods of a category.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising creating, in dependence upon the related customs planning record, a customs declaration form for a destination country.
5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 4 further comprising submitting the customs declaration form to a customs declaration forms database for the destination country.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising submitting, to the customs service of the destination country, payment of the duty.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the client device is a workstation in a kiosk at an airport.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the client device is a workstation installed in the back of a passenger chair in an airplane.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the client device is a personal computer.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the client device is a hand-held personal data administrator.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one internet connection is wireless.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the master customs planning record further comprises an importer identification field in which is stored an identity of an importer.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the related customs planning record further comprises an importer identification field in which is stored an identity of an importer.
14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the international customs server is a software application installed and operating on one or more computers, the software application further comprising software routines storing and retrieving related customs planning records, validating goods described in related customs planning records against customs regulations stored in customs regulations databases, and submitting to customs databases declaration forms prepared in dependence upon the related customs planning records.
15. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein creating in dependence upon the related customs planning record a customs declaration form for the destination country further comprises reading customs data from a related customs planning record and inserting the read customs data into a declaration form.
16. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein submitting the customs declaration form to a customs declaration forms database for the destination country further comprises communicating the form as electronic data communications through at least one internet connection.
17. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising validating goods described in a related customs planning record.
18. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein validating goods described in a related customs planning record further comprises comparing the goods described in the related customs planning record to customs regulations governing the goods described by the customs data in the related customs

planning record and reporting to an importer through the client device a result of the comparison.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising storing the result of the comparison in the related customs planning record.
20. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the related customs planning record comprises a related customs planning record form having a structure, wherein the structure of the related customs planning record form is dependent upon customs regulations.

Claims 21-60. (Canceled)